

**PARK AND RECREATION ADVISORY COUNCIL BOARD
REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL**

Subject: **Greenbelt Lions Club Recognition Group Status**

Background: PRAB reviewed the Greenbelt Lions Club application for recognition status at the November 19, 2014 meeting and met with three members representing the club, Rick Jones, Jordan Choper and Lynda Varda.

Discussion: The Greenbelt Lions Club is a volunteer organization that has been in existence in Greenbelt since 1961. The Lions Club does its own fundraising and all funds must go into activities the club sponsors, such as: free vision exams and glasses at local schools, camps for children with disabilities, Leader Dog School for people with vision impairments, rescue dummies for Greenbelt Recreation Department staff training, etc. The members are hoping that Recognition Group status with the City will make the club more visible and attract new members.

PRAB members concurred that the Lions Club offers exceptional service to the Greenbelt community. The rules regarding space available for Recognition Groups was explained.

Recommendations: PRAB recommends that the Greenbelt Lions Club receive Recognition Group status.

Vote: 9-0

Respectfully submitted by:
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